

February 5, 2019

Dear St. Cecilia Cathedral Parents and Guardians:

By choosing St. Cecilia Cathedral School Grade for your child(ren)'s education, you are making one of the best investments as a parent. Our mission at St. Cecilia Cathedral Grade School is to teach and live the Catholic Faith within a nurturing family-like community, teach respect for life and respect for all, and to foster each student's academic potential. We pride ourselves on our rich traditions, supportive families, and diverse community.

The St. Cecilia Cathedral Grade School Board of Education has approved a 2.5% tuition increase for the 2019-2020 school year. Tuition for the 2019-2020 school year will be:

All Day Pre-K student \$3,818 In-Parish student \$2,844 Out-of-Parish student \$3,818

The actual cost to educate a child at St. Cecilia Cathedral Grade School is over \$5,000. We encourage families to join the St. Cecilia Cathedral Parish as another opportunity to reduce the cost of a St. Cecilia education. Families who are a part of our Parish are expected to raise their child(ren) in the Catholic faith, attend and bring their child(ren) to Mass regularly at Cathedral, participate in and volunteer for St. Cecilia Cathedral School and Church, have their child(ren) who are in grades 6-8 participate as regular altar servers in the Cathedral, and support the parish with a minimum tax-deductible donation of \$250 per semester.

We do recognize that the cost of providing a Catholic education for a child can be a hardship for families. We encourage those who may qualify to receive additional assistance from the Children's Scholarship Fund (CSF) to apply online. Applications for the 2019-2020 school year will be accepted February 11 - May 3, 2019. We will share the online application for CSF next week with our registration items. St. Cecilia Cathedral is also fortunate to be able to offer families parish tuition assistance as well. All families who want to request parish tuition assistance and who also qualify for CSF, must first apply for assistance from CSF before requesting funds from St. Cecilia.

Registration will be an online process for the 2019-2020 school year and all current families will receive instructions and the link to register next week. In order for your child(ren)'s registration to be processed and accepted for enrollment, families must be in good financial standing with the school, parish, and Child Care Center. **The completed application, along with the \$200 registration fee, is due Friday, May 24.** This registration fee is an annual fee paid per family and is applied to the tuition.

St. Cecilia Cathedral Grade School is an investment in your child(ren)'s academic and faith future. I am honored to be a part of such a committed community and to serve you as the leader of the school. We appreciate your support in our school's mission and future. Thank you for your continued commitment to your children, to their education, and to St. Cecilia Cathedral Grade School.

Yours in Christ,

Julia Pick Principal

## **Important Items:**

- Friday, February 8, is Kindergarten Roundup and Move Up Day. This is a full day of school with Mass at 8:30 AM. Move Up Day is the day that students will find out which homeroom they have been assigned to for the following school year. It is worth noting that there is a significant amount of time left in the school year and that leaves time for friendships to wax/wane, student academic changes, etc. This means that there *may* be slight changes in the rosters before August. These changes would be initiated from teachers or school administration.
- Pasta for Players is this Friday night! See attached flyer for more information.
- Box Top collection bags went home last week. This is our last collection opportunity for this school year. Please round up ALL of your Box Tops and get them in this week! Thank you for your support and thank you to Stefanie Shanahan for volunteering her time with this fundraiser.
- ABC meets tomorrow (Wednesday) night in the library at 7:00 PM. The door is always open for new members!
- As we continue to mourn the life of Margaret Swanson, we know that some students and parents may have some pictures of her or letters for her family that you may want to share. For this purpose, there is a box in the school office where you can donate these items and we'll be sure to get them to her family.